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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 March 2005.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 57-59 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 57-59 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

This action is in response to the paper filed March 7, 2005.

Claims 57-59 are under consideration.

Rejections Withdrawn

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 1-4, and 6-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for residues consisting of residues 137-151 of WT DF2/WT WSU 1146 for diagnostic uses of differentiating FIPV from FECV, does not reasonably provide enablement for peptides comprising residues 137-151, methods of treatment or prophylaxis using any peptides, or peptides from other related viruses. The specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to use the invention commensurate in scope with these claims.

The claims have been canceled and the rejection is withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Jacobs et al. (from IDS, Virus Research 1987, 8:363).

The claims have been canceled and the rejection is withdrawn.

Rejections Necessitated by Amendment

Double Patenting

Claims 57-59 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-5 of U.S. Patent No.US006642359B2. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because they are drawn to identical peptides of residues 137-151 of identical SEQ ID#s. The patent (parent of this application) claims positions 137-151 of SEQ ID#32 and the instant claims read on that sequence as well.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 57-59 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for residues consisting of residues 137-151 of WT DF2/WT WSU 1146 for diagnostic uses of differentiating FIPV from FECV, does not reasonably provide enablement for peptides comprising residues 137-151, methods of treatment or prophylaxis using any peptides, or peptides from other related viruses. The specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or

with which it is most nearly connected, to use the invention commensurate in scope with these claims.

Applicant has amended the claims to remove functional language and argues that they are now free of rejections. Additionally, Applicant argues that an example shows the regions of different peptides to be enabled.

Applicants arguments have been fully considered and not found persuasive.

The scope of the claims still reads on the previous claims except broader now.

The rejection of record still applies because only residues 137-151 of WT DF2/WT WSU 1146 (SEQ ID #32) are enabled as explained in the previous action.

The example pointed to by Applicant uses both rabbits and cats as well as several peptides. The results suggest that residues 137-151 of SEQ IS #32 are useful (page 78, lines 11-13). The usefulness of other residue regions 137-151 are not shown.

In example 14, only residues 137-151 of SEQ IS #32 are shown to be useful, not other sequences.

Thus, the rejection of record is maintained.

Conclusion

No claim is allowed.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within

TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Myron G. Hill whose telephone number is 571-272-0901. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am-5 pm Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Housel can be reached on 571-272-0902. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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